

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-17 have been amended to recite a "method" to better conform to U.S. practice. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, page 1, lines 3-6; page 3, line 10 - page 5, line 14; and page 10, line 28 - page 11, line 27 and in original claims 3-4, respectively. See *In re Gardner*, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (I) (8<sup>th</sup> ed. Rev. 3, August 2005, pp. 600-89 and 600-81).

Claims 18-19 have been added. Support for these claims is found in the specification at, for example, page 1, lines 3-6; page 3, line 10 - page 5, line 14; page 6, line 3 - page 8, line 10; page 8, line 27 - page 9, line 2; and page 9, line 13 - page 11, line 27; In Example 1; and in original claims 1 - 17, respectively. See *id.*

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Approval and entry of the amendments are respectfully solicited.

Favorable action on the merits including entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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